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Applicants: Zerhusen et al.

Title: BED SIDERAILS
HAVING FLEXIBLE PORTIONS

Serial No.: 10/644,122

Filed: August 20, 2003

Examiner: Lee, Jong Suk

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY
UNDER 37 U.S.C. § 1.111Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 6.

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Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	28	28	0	\$18	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	8	8	0	\$88	\$0
If applicant has small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.			SMALL ENTITY TOTAL	NO	\$0
TOTAL FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS					\$0

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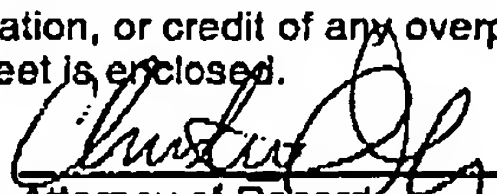
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TOTAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

\$0

A check in the amount of \$0 to cover the total fee for this
amendment is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.


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